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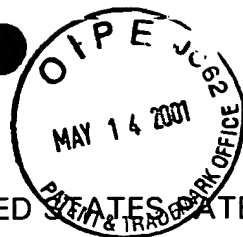
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(e)(1), the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheet have come to the attention of Applicant and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant has identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto. Copies of the listed references are also included.

German reference DE 4218997 C1 illustrates a machine having a blowing head with a ring nozzle and/or an outer closed circulating elastic ring nozzle lip to discharge a preliminary tube. The machine also has a device to blow the preliminary tubing and an external air cooling arrangement with rotating air distributor.

It is Applicant's opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from the enclosed references. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipate the invention or which would

render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

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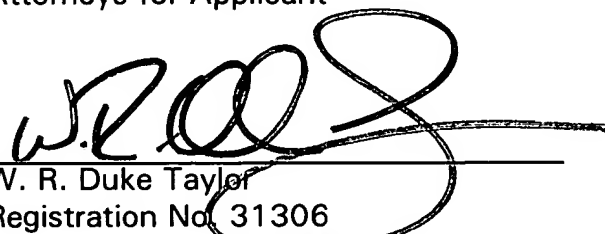
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